

<i>State</i>	<i>1988-89</i>	<i>1989-90</i>	<i>1990-91</i>
22. Tamilnadu	50	60	16
23. Tripura	Nil	40	11
24. Uttar Pradesh	50	100	329
25. West Bengal	25	70	53
Total:	450	1445	968

[Translation]

**Supply of Raw Material to Traders of Diamond and Gold Ornaments**

6028. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the heavy demand of Indian diamond and gold ornaments in foreign markets particularly in European countries;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide raw materials at cheaper rates to the artisan and traders engaged in this business; and

(c) the names of the agencies from which they could get raw material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Exporters of the gem and jewellery items are provided access to raw materials through Imprest and Replenishment licenses. The exporters of gold jewellery are supplied gold at international prices by State Bank of India. MM TC and HHEC under various schemes notified in the Im-

port-Export Policy. A Scheme for direct import of gold by exporters of gold jewellery in the Domestic Tariff Area has also been specified in the Import-Export policy.

**Export of Diamond and Gold Jewellery**

6029. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of diamond and gold jewellery during the last three years;

(b) the share of Rajasthan in this export;

(c) the value of raw materials made available by the Government to the exporters for the said jewellery; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of cut and polished diamonds and gold jewellery during the last three years, according to the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) are as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Diamonds (Cut and Polished)</i>	<i>Gold Jewellery</i>
1988-89	4230.28	165.47
1989-90	4971.93	282.90
1990-91	4738.71	363.53
1991-92	4737.94 (Prov.)	508.66 (Prov.)

(b) State-wise figures of exports are not maintained.

(c) Government does not supply raw materials to exporters of jewellery. Access to raw materials is provided under various schemes specified in the Import-Export Policy.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Repair of INS Kursura**

6030. DR. R. SRIDHARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of years taken by the Visakhapatnam Naval Shipyard to repair the Indian Submarine, INS Kursura;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on the repairs; and

(c) whether any certificate has been issued for its life by the shipyard now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c). The Medium Refit of the Submarine INS Kursura took approximately six years to complete at the Naval Dockyard, Vishakhapatna. It is not the

practice to certify the balance life of a naval vessel after her refit. Further Security.

#### **Purchase of Gold from Russia**

6031. SHRI RAJAGOPALAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to purchase gold from Russia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Production and Export of Tea**

6032. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tea produced during the years 1989, 1990 and 1991 in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total quantity of tea exported during the above period, year-wise;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom; and